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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. The Examiner has objected the specification and claims 1,3,6,8 and 10. Claims 1-5 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beales (1,335,640), and claims 6, 7, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beales further in view of Chen (2005/0111228), Juang (2003/0067777), Sviland (6,786,621) and Huang (4,688,155), respectively.

In response to the objections, Applicant has amended the informalities in the specification and claims indicated by the Examiner. Moreover, special care has been made to ensure the specification and claims compliant with the requirements. It is requested these objection be withdrawn.

Applicant has further amended claim 1 to include more limitations from original claim 2 and Applicant's original disclosure. No new matter has been added. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's rejections.

In the amended claim 1, as shown in Applicant's Figure 2, the buckle member 22 is rotated to clamp two abutted side frames 223 of two shade pieces 16 in assembly. However, Beales discloses the engagement of two panels by means of the slip joints shown in Figs. 4 to 7 (see Beales' disclosure column 1, lines 78 to 83). Refer to Beales' column 2, lines 13 to 19, the arrangement of one kind of slip joints as shown in Fig. 4 is described in detail. It can be understood that the arrangement of other slip joints of Figs 5 to 7 are similar so that two groove members 18 of Beales are engaged by sliding to clamp two panels, which is not as same as Applicant's invention.

Moreover, as shown in Applicant's Figure 4, the protrusions 24 formed on the side

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frame sections 16 are used to support the installation of the connecting base 10. In comparison, Beales use the extensions 15 to mount the panels to the frames 12, respectively (see Beales' disclosure column 1, lines 84 to 88). Applicant cannot see Beales' disclosure has the same protrusions as in Applicant's invention.


Furthermore, as in Applicant's claim 10, Beales' Fig. 5 and 6 does not disclose the overlapping cover 211 as in Applicant's Figure 1.

As stated in MPEP §2131:

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. Of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the...claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

(Emphases added).

Therefore, the pending claims 1-5 and 8-10 are not anticipated by Beales and pending claims 6, 7, 11 and 12 are patentable over Beales in view of other citations.

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 502751, authorized by Chun-Ming Shih signed 

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Accordingly, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and such a Notice is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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